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Filed: September 27, 2001)) Examiner: B. Pezzlo
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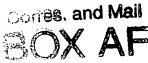
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 5, 2003, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page nine of this paper.

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. [] [] A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. Also enclosed is/are Small entity status is hereby claimed. [] Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). [] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. [] Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ for which continued examination is requested. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _ which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent-Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee				0.00	
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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